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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 2, 2002, kindly enter the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

5. (Amended) In an oil well having a casing and a tubing with an annulus defined therebetween, an apparatus for controlling the flow of gas from said annulus into said tubing, said apparatus comprising:

a gas lift valve mounted on said tubing and having an inlet end in communication with said annulus for admitting gas from said annulus into said gas lift valve, and an

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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